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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 February 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-64 and 66-71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 3-64, 66-71 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Election/Restrictions

1. Receipt is acknowledged of amendments/argument filed on 2/26/2009.
2. Claims 3-64 and 66-71 {including new claim 71} are presented for examination.
3. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 3-39, 45-64 and 66-71, drawn to a method of packaging monetary object in a non-reusable closure member/label/tape classified in class 235 subclass 489.

Group II, claim(s) 40-44, drawn to method of sensing a RFID device within a locality and writing tracking information classified in class 235 subclass 384 and 385.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

4. Inventions of group 1, groups 2 are related as combination and subcombination.

Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because tracking location is a separate entity from packaging object in a non-reusable closure member.

5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for I is not required for groups and III restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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6. A telephone call was made to Mr. Joseph Calvaruso on 6/21/2009 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Claim Objections

7. Claim 40 is objected to because of the following informalities:

There is no antecedent basis for the limitation "the RFID device".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

8. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

9. Claims 3-8 and 71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is not supported by either a machine and/or apparatus asserted utility or a well established utility.

Claim 71 discloses: Packing for a stack of monetary objects comprising a plastic, transportable and disposable container having a base and sidewalls defining an opening through

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which the monetary objects can be placed into the container; a reusable RFID device disposed in the container {which could be manually by inserting the RFID device into the container} and a closure member disposed {also could be done manually by using a tampered-evident tape to seal the container} over the opening so as to permanently seal the monetary objects within the container such that access to the monetary objects can be obtained only by creating a new opening in the container.

Therefore, the examiner finds there is no tie to a specific machine or apparatus and the method does not transform a particular article to a different state or thing {see *In re Bilski*, --- F.3d ---, 2008 WL 4757110, 88 USPQD2d 1385 (Fed. Cir. 2008)}.

Claim 3-8 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C 101 as being dependent of claim 71.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

St. Pierre et al. (U.S. 5,904,263) teaches multi-container package with individual removable container.

Lechelle (US 2004/0182740) teaches tray for packaging of an article.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWYN LABAZE whose telephone number is (571)272-2395.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Paik can be reached on (571) 272-2404. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2887